

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. George Smellie, Fergus, has been visiting Selkirk, Manitoba.

THE congregation of Brock Street Church, Kingston, have given a call to the Rev. Mr. Houston of Athelstane.

A NEW Presbyterian church was dedicated at Sharbot lake lately. It is a neat Gothic frame building, capable of seating two hundred.

THE Rev. W. A. Hunter, of Parkdale, has left Winnipeg for Brandon, where he is to supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian church for three Sundays.

MR. D. A. MCLEAN, student, who has been supplying St. Andrew's Church, Proton, has been presented by the congregation with an address and purse containing \$26.25.

THE Rev. Mr. Dickie, of Detroit, preached an able discourse on Sabbath evening last in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, and although the weather was unfavourable the attendance was large.

LAST Sabbath large congregations assembled in St. Andrew's, Knox, and St. James' Square Churches, Toronto, to hear the Rev. Mr. Morton's interesting addresses on mission work in Trinidad.

DR. WARDROPE acknowledges with thanks the receipt, per order of Mr. D. McCrae, of \$93, special offering from St. Andrew's Sabbath school, Guelph, in aid of the Formosa Mission.

COMMUNICATIONS for the clerk of the Stratford Presbytery will be addressed to Rev. W. A. Wilson, St. Mary's, the Rev. John Fotheringham having resigned, with a view to removing to the North-West.

A VERY pleasant and successful parlour concert in aid of the funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, Port Perry, was held at the residence of Mrs. W. J. McMurty, on the 4th inst. The sum of \$34.25 was realized. The amount would have been much larger had not the weather proved very unfavourable.

THE San Francisco "Call" says regarding Mr. Meldrum, a Canadian theological student, who has been preaching from time to time recently in St. John's Church, San Francisco, that he has applied for license as a minister of the Gospel. After a long and thorough examination, which proved highly satisfactory, he was formally licensed to preach for one year.

A VERY successful musical and literary entertainment was held on the evening of the 11th inst., in Old St. Andrew's, East Oxford. Mr. S. McTavish, of Knox College, who has been labouring in this field during the summer months, occupied the chair. Brief, but pithy addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Woodward (Baptist), Moore, and Bowlby (Methodist). Singers from Woodstock and Tilsonburg delighted the audience with their excellent selections. After paying all expenses connected with the entertainment the treasurer has still a balance on hand of \$55.

THE Rev. Robert Lowry, late of Brantford, on Monday last completed his fiftieth year in the work of the Christian ministry. He has spent the larger portion of his life in Canada. He has been a faithful active and successful pastor. It is a gratifying circumstance that he is still able to render valuable service in the cause to which a long and useful life has been devoted. He is still an active and faithful preacher of the Gospel, and is highly esteemed for his work's sake as well as for his personal worth. Mr. Lowry is Secretary to the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee. The celebration of his golden wedding is to be held on the 8th proximo. The lady who acted as bridesmaid fifty years ago has been invited to be present on the auspicious occasion.

THE Guelph "Mercury" says that a special collection was taken up in St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Guelph, to aid the Rev. J. L. McKay in building churches in the eastern portion of Formosa. Since Rev. Mr. McKay's visit to Guelph, over a year ago, the Sabbath school children of the Presbyterian churches have taken a lively interest in all that goes on in Formosa, and learning from their Sunday school papers that Dr. McKay was in need of funds to erect more churches, the children of St. Andrew's Sabbath school conceived the idea of having a special collection for that purpose, at which they contributed the handsome sum of \$92. If other Sabbath schools in

the country would follow the example of St. Andrew's there would soon be more churches in Formosa.

AT the special meeting yesterday of the Toronto Presbytery Mr. William Kerr, Rev. William Inglis, Messrs. Alexander Nairn, and J. Y. Reid appeared as commissioners from St. James' Square Church in reference to the appointment of Dr. King to Manitoba College. They expressed deep regret at the separation it would cause. Dr. King, with deep feeling, gave the grounds on which he based his acceptance of the call addressed to him by the General Assembly. In speaking to a motion by Dr. Reid, many of the members of Presbytery spoke in the highest terms of Dr. King's special fitness for the work he was about to undertake. The most cordial well-wishes were expressed for his future comfort and success. Professor Gregg was appointed to preach and declare the pulpit vacant on the 28th Oct.

IN reference to Mr. Chrystal's resignation the Presbytery of Hamilton recorded the following resolution: The Presbytery, having with great reluctance accepted Mr. Chrystal's resignation of the pastoral charge of West Flamboro' congregation, unanimously resolved: 1st, That this Presbytery put on record an expression of deep regret that such a misunderstanding should have arisen in the congregation as to occasion the resignation of their brother, Rev. George Chrystal; 2nd, That this Presbytery express their sincere sympathy with Mr. Chrystal in the step which he has deemed it necessary to take; and their high esteem and affection for him as a co-presbyter; and they earnestly pray and hope that the Great King and Head of the Church may soon open a door in some portion of His vineyard, whence he may labour with acceptance, and be instrumental in winning souls and building up God's believing people in the knowledge, faith and holiness of the Gospel; 3rd, That an extract of this minute be forwarded to Mr. Chrystal, and a copy of it be sent to THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN for publication.

AT a meeting of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church last week, commissioners were appointed to represent to the Presbytery of Toronto the views of the congregation on the appointment of Rev. Dr. King to Manitoba College, and the following resolution was unanimously passed: We, the congregation of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, having learned with very great sorrow the decision to which our pastor, Dr. King, has come in having accepted the call of the General Assembly to be Principal and Professor of Theology in Manitoba College, cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without expressing the high esteem and great affection we entertain for him, and our fullest appreciation of his multiplied labours amongst us as a people during the past twenty years; and now, when about to leave us to enter on another sphere of usefulness, to follow him with our earnest prayers that the Great Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, may be his guide and the breaker up of his way—making him even more than in the past an honoured instrument for the good of Zion. The congregation further unanimously resolve to request the treasurer to pay over to our pastor a sum equal to his stipend on the 1st of January, 1884.

THE anniversary services of Atwood or Elma Centre Presbyterian congregation were conducted on Sabbath, the 16th inst., by Rev. James A. Anderson, B.A., of Whitechurch, at eleven a.m. and seven p.m. He delivered very able, appropriate, and impressive discourses to large and deeply interested audiences. The anniversary soiree was held on the following evening and proved most successful in every respect. The church which has a seating capacity of between four and five hundred was literally packed with people, some being unable to gain admission. The speakers, who were all well received and who gave interesting and instructive addresses, were Rev. Messrs. Garbutt and Berry of the Methodist Church, and James A. Anderson, B.A., Nelson, of Dunbar, and Wright, of Stratford, of the Presbyterian Church. A choir from Listowel, under the leadership of Messrs. Green and Sarvis, furnished excellent music, and the tea provided by the ladies of the congregation was a rich treat. The Rev. Andrew Henderson, M.A., pastor of the congregation, presided as chairman and from his opening address it would appear that more than ordinary prosperity has characterized the congregation during the past year—the first year of his pastorate. The membership of the church has been largely increased, good feeling and harmony have prevailed among the people, and the contributions to

the schemes of the Church bid fair to more than double last year's record, and neither pastor nor people have done anything to forfeit the respect and goodwill of their fellow Christians of other denominations. The total sum realized by collections on Sabbath and by receipts of the soiree on Monday evening was \$223.61.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This court met at St. Mary's, in Widder Street Church, on the 11th inst., Mr. McAlpine moderator. A call from Knox Church, Paisley, was presented to Mr. Kay, of Milverton. Commissioners were heard in support of the call, and from Mr. Kay's charge in opposition. Mr. Kay desired time for consideration. Three weeks were granted. Messrs. Tolmie and John Anderson being present, were invited to correspond. Mr. Alex. Hamilton, student, was heard a discourse, which was approved. According to appointment, a Presbyterial visitation of Widder Street congregation was held. Questions were answered by the session, managers, minister, and Sabbath school superintendent. Members of Presbytery expressed their views anent the facts elicited, and a committee was appointed to prepare a statement of the condition of the congregation for next meeting. Mr. Fotheringham, with a view to removing to the North-West, tendered the resignation of his office as clerk of Presbytery, and asked a certificate of his standing as a minister of the Church. His request was granted, a committee appointed to prepare a certificate, and Mr. Wm. A. Wilson appointed stated clerk of Presbytery. It was agreed to ask \$3 a Sabbath for next six months as supplement to Biddulph, and \$110 a year for Wellesley. In regard to the reception of Mr. H. Norris it was agreed that Presbytery, having obtained leave from General Assembly to receive Mr. Norris as a minister of this Church, declare him received accordingly.—JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in Hamilton on the 18th September, twenty-six ministers and twelve elders present. Mr. Edmunds tendered his resignation of Port Colborne congregation, and the congregation is cited to appear for its interests at Waterdown, on October the 16th. Favourable reports of progress were given in from Lynedoch, Silverhill, Delhi, Louth, Fort Erie and Wellandport. Mr. Cleland's resignation of the Niagara congregation was accepted, to take effect on October 1st, and it was resolved to ask leave from the General Assembly for him to retire, and be put on the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. Calls addressed to Rev. T. T. Johnston from Jarvis and Walpole, St. Ann's and Smithville, and Ancaster and Alberton were sustained. Mr. Johnston accepted the last mentioned and his induction was appointed for Tuesday, October 2nd, at two p.m., Mr. Scouler to preside, Mr. Thynne to preach, Mr. Porteous to address the pastor and Mr. Goldsmith the people. Mr. Abraham tendered his resignation of the united charge of Burlington and Nelson. The congregations were cited to appear for their interests at a meeting of Presbytery in Waterdown on the 16th October. A committee consisting of Drs. Laing and James, and Messrs. Ratchiff, Lyle, Scouler and Leggat was appointed to consider the matter of supplements for congregational support at Ancaster on the 2nd October. Mr. William Robertson, licentiate, who had accepted the call from Waterdown passed his trial exercises, and his ordination and induction were appointed to take place in Waterdown on Tuesday, October the 16th, at two o'clock. Dr. James to preside, Mr. McIntyre to preach, Mr. Murray to address the minister and Mr. Walker the people. Messrs. Ross, Duncan, Freeman and Snyder, students, appeared with the prescripted discourses which were referred to committee except that of Mr. Ross which was sustained.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery held its usual bi-monthly meeting on the 18th inst., in Knox Church, Guelph, the Rev. Dr. McKay, Moderator. There was a large attendance of both ministers and representative elders. The finance committee reported estimate of expenditure for the ensuing year, requiring a contribution at the rate of ten cents per family from each congregation in the bounds. A committee Mr. D. B. Cameron, convener, was appointed to arrange for holding Conferences on Sabbath Schools, State of Religion and Temperance, which by invitation, are to meet in Acton. A scheme of missionary meetings was submitted and approved, and the clerk was instructed to get a sufficient number of